

FRANCIS VAN AERNAM.

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Mr. BALL, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6746.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6746) granting an increase of pension to Francis Van Aernam, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

Mr. Van Aernam, now 59 years of age, served as a private in Company H, Ninth New York Cavalry, from September 3, 1864, to June 30, 1865, when honorably discharged.

He is now pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month for total disability, the result of general debility.

This allowance was based upon a certificate of medical examination, dated December 9, 1896, which showed him to be suffering from a general atheromatous condition of the arteries, extremely marked, which was enough to disable him from doing any manual labor.

Medical evidence filed with your committee shows him to be now suffering from paralysis of one-half of his body, due to cerebral hemorrhage, with inability to walk without artificial assistance, with spells of syncope, and calcareous deposits in the arteries, and impairment of mind, etc.

He is shown to have no property, and to be dependent upon his pension.

The relief sought in the bill is fully warranted and is in line with many precedents, it being shown that the beneficiary is seriously disabled and dependent.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended.